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SPEED UP OPERATIONS; INCREASE FREIGHT TURNOVER -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 5 Jun 53

The Shaulay Division, Baltic System, has reduced the processing time of trains by 3 hours below the norm and the turnaround time of cars by almost 25 percent.

From 1 June through 20 June 1953, the division carried 53 above-norm-weight trains and hauled more than 20,000 tons of freight above the norm.

CONSOLIDATE SYSTEMS -- Tbilisi, Zarya Vostoka, 4 Jun 53

The Azerbaydzhan and the Transcaucasus railroad systems have been consolidated into one, the Transcaucasus System.

VYAZ'MA DIVISION DISPATCHER WORKING ON SCHEDULE -- Moscow, Gudok, 30 Jul 53

Vasily Zaytsev, dispatcher of the Vyaz'ma Division, Kalinin System, carried out the dispatching of trains strictly according to schedule in May, June, and July 1953. In 22 days, Zaytsev dispatched 34 above-norm-weight trains, which hauled 4,000 tons of freight above norm.

[From this report, which identifies the Vyaz'ma Division, formerly of the Western System, with the Kalinin System, and from the identification of Grodno with the Belorussian System in Gudok of 19 July 1953, it would appear that the Western System has been merged into at least two other systems, the Kalinin and the Belorussian.]

SHORTCOMINGS ON OCTOBER SYSTEM -- Moscow, Gudok, 30 Jul 53

The Leningrad-Vitebsk Division, October System, has been maintaining its traffic schedules by 80-90 percent, and recently even by 100 percent.

The Moscow Division of this system also maintains its traffic schedule on an 85-90 percent level; however, the Dno and Pskov divisions should work more persistently to maintain more definite schedules.

Although the October System maintains its traffic schedules on the average by 65-70 percent, there have been many shortcomings in its operation. For example, on 27 July 1953, 66 trains did not maintain their traffic schedules, 33 of them because of delays by track workers. Because of poor work organization of track workers, trains were delayed many times on the Spirovo and Bologoye sections.

[Since the divisions mentioned above, formerly of the Leningrad System, are now a part of the October System, it seems probable that the Leningrad System has been merged with the October System. No references to the Leningrad System have appeared in the press available in FDU since 29 May 1953.]

DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES TO REPLACE STEAM LOCOMOTIVES -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhatanskaya Pravda, 12 Jun 53

In the near future, TE-2 diesel-electric locomotives will replace all the steam locomotives in the Ural'sk Terminal, Ural'sk Division, Volga System. One of the newly arrived diesel locomotives has made the first run on the Ural'sk-Kazakhstan section of the system.

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[From this report and the identification of Filinovo with the Volga System in Gudok of 23 July 1953, it would appear that the Ryazan'-Ural System and the Stalingrad System have been consolidated and now are either a part of or constitute the entire new Volga System.]

ANNOUNCE CONTEST FOR A LEAD SUBSTITUTE -- Moscow, Trud, 27 Jun 53

The Main Administration of Freight Operations and Planning of Hauling, Ministry of Railways USSR, announces a contest for research on and development of a noncritical material to be substituted for lead in making car and container seals.

BABINSK QUARRY FAILS TO SUPPLY BALLAST -- Moscow, Gudok, 20 Jun 53

Railroad workers of the Barnaul Division, Tomsk System, cannot begin summer track repairs because the Babinsk Quarry of the Turkestan-Siberia System has failed to supply the necessary ballast.

ELECTRIFICATION OF MOSCOW SUBURBAN RAIL LINES CONTINUES -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 4 Jun 53

Construction workers are installing equipment for the electrification of the Barybino-Kashira and the Kryukovo-Klin sections of the Moscow suburban network.

These electrified lines will be equipped with 40 of the higher type passenger platforms. Platforms have already been installed in Vel'yaminovo, Privalov, Shugarevo, and Zhilevo of the Moscow-Kursk-Donbass System, and at Berezki, Povarevo, and Alabushevo of the October System.

Electric power stations are being built at Barybino and at Podsolnechnaya.

BUILD CHARDZHOU-KUNGRAD RAILROAD -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 16 Jun 53

Workers from Khorezmskaya Oblast and from the Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR are working on the Chardzhou-Kungrad railroad construction project.

Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 7 Jul. 53

Track workers have already laid hundreds of meters of track on the Khodzheyli-Shumanay section of the Chardzhou-Kungrad Railroad.

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